

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NOBUYUKI HIRAYAMA : Examiner: James A. Thompson
Application No.: 09/902,756) : Group Art Unit: 2625
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Commissioner for Patents
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned representative during the telephone interview conducted on February 27, 2007 and reported by the Examiner in the Interview Summary, a copy of which was forwarded to Applicant's undersigned representative by facsimile on February 27, 2007.

In the interview, Applicant's undersigned representative argued that independent Claim 10 (and by implication, all of the independent claims) are patentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,493,109 (*Takamura et al.*), the primary reference cited in the Office Action dated September 22, 2006. In that regard, Applicant's undersigned representative

presented arguments along the lines of the arguments set forth in the Preliminary Amendment filed on February 22, 2007, as well as further arguments pertaining to recitations involving the ink supply opening, included in Applicants' independent claims, based on differences between Applicant's claimed invention and *Takamura et al.* The Examiner indicated that he believed the arguments presented to the effect that Applicant's independent claims are patentable over *Takamura et al.* were persuasive.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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